

REMARKS

The Office action of September 11, 2006, has been carefully considered.

The specification has been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as being unclear. Due to the number of corrections to the specification necessary, Applicant has submitted herewith a substitute specification in clean and marked-up forms. This substitute specification is thought to clarify the language of the specification as filed; no new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

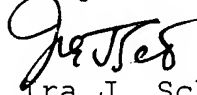
Claims 1 to 4 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 to 4 have now been entirely rewritten as new Claims 5 to 8. In addition, a new Claim 9 has been added, Claim 9 clarifying that a second perforated natural latex or rubber layer is provided adjacent the perforated natural latex or rubber layer recited in Claim 5. Claim 9 thus relates to the specific point cited in paragraph 5 of the Office action.

The new claims are thought to be written in proper form for U.S. practice, and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

No prior art rejections have been made.

Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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